Funds for rural electrification in U.P. and Chhattisgarh

2509. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount released by the Central Government to U.P. and Chhattisgarh under Rajiv Gandhi Rural Electrification Scheme;

(b) the amount utilized by these States and the number of villages which have been fully electrified;

(c) whether Government have fixed any target to cover all the villages in both the States under this scheme; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether there has been any cut in the sanctioned amount given to Chhattisgarh and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) As on 14.8.2006, an amount of Rs. 1127.19 crore has been released to the Uttar Pradesh State and an amount of Rs. 6.5 crore has been released for Chhattisgarh under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY).

(b) The funds under RGGVY are released progressively to the State Government/Implementing Agencies commensurating with the progress reported by them in terms of RGGVY guidelines. U.P. has reported expenditure of Rs. 1046.91 crore incurred as on 31.07.2006 against Rs. 1127.19 crore availed by them under RGGVY.

So far 11,657 un-electrified villages have been electrified in U.P. under RGGVY. In Chhattisgarh, no village has been electrified so far under RGGVY.

(c) Yes, Sir. Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana envisages electrification of all the un-electrified villages in the entire country by 2009.

(d) No, Sir.